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Kelly McCorkle, Miss SC 2002, to speak January 14

Kelly McCorkle, Miss South Carolina, will speak on learning disability education and awareness at the January 14th meeting of Greenville Rotary Club.

McCorkle, a graduate of Eastside High School, received her bachelor's degree cum laude from North Greenville College. She has served on the board of directors for the South Carolina Learning Disabilities Association. She also has been Volunteer of the Year at the Phillis Wheatley Community Center, contributing more than 6,000 hours of community service there.

McCorkle's parents, Eddie and Brenda Cisson, are professional educators. The 24-year-old beauty queen, who earned a degree in mass communications, will continue to pursue a career in public relations.



Downtown Rotarians in 'Top 25'

The list of the top 25 leaders in the Greenville community announced January 5th by *The Greenville News* includes seven members of the Rotary Club of Greenville.

Club members named to the elite list are David Shi, president of Furman University; Bill Harner, superintendent of the Greenville County School District; Bob Hughes, president of Hughes Development Corporation; Tom Barton, president of Greenville Technical College; George Fletcher, president of The Fletcher Group; Virginia Uldrick, president emeritus, South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts; and Baxter Wynn, minister of pastoral care and community relations, Greenville First Baptist Church.

To compose the Top 25 list, the *News* mailed ballots to more than 700 community leaders, asking them to vote for persons who, in their opinion, have had an influence in the public arena — ranging from politics, business and government to education, religion and the arts.

Brussels Rotarians have a penchant for words

For years, the Rotary Club of Bruxelles-Europe, Belgium, has supported literacy organizations working among disadvantaged immigrants in Brussels, enabling children, youth and adults to learn French. Fittingly, the 32-member club has raised funds for the work the past two years by sponsoring a national Scrabble championship for French speakers.

The qualification matches, held in public view in the Galeries Saint-Hubert in the heart of Brussels, attracted a sizable number of onlookers, giving the Rotarians opportunity to talk about their project.

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Rotary's partners in service — Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Community Corps (RCC) — registered significant growth in the second quarter of the 2002-03 Rotary year.

The number of Rotaract clubs grew by a net 105, to a total of 7,482 in 155 countries and territories, with Bosnia-Herzegovina and the British Virgin Islands being the latest where clubs were chartered. Worldwide, 8,033 Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs, which have an estimated membership of 172,086 young adults. Asia and the Pacific chartered the most new clubs,

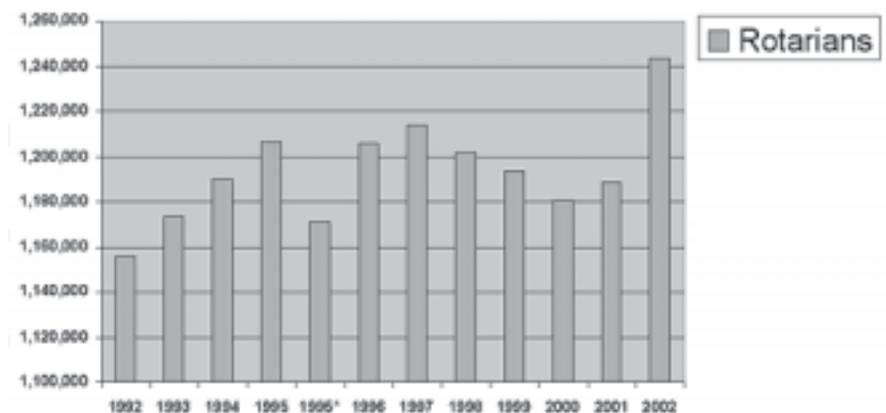
Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps post gains

62, followed by 28 for Europe and Africa, and 21 each for Latin America and the United States and Canada. Rotaract will mark its 35th birthday on March 13, 2003.

Interact, which celebrated its 40th anniversary on November 5, 2002, gained a net 90 clubs in the second quarter, bringing its total to 8,783 clubs in 111 countries, with an estimated membership of 202,009. The number of Rotary clubs sponsoring the youth clubs is 6,964. Asia and the Pacific led the way in starting new clubs, 62; the U.S. and Canada, 58; Latin America and the Caribbean, 13; and Europe and Africa, 8.

RCCs added a net 200 to their ranks, for a total of 4,969 RCCs in 69 countries, with an estimated membership of 114,287. The number of Rotary clubs sponsoring one or more of these self-help groups is 1,994. Asia and the Pacific chartered the most new RCCs, 193. Latin America and the Caribbean launched 12; Europe and Africa, 2; and the U.S. and Canada, 1. Known as Rotary Village Corps when begun in 1986, RCCs then were primarily in developing countries; today RCCs can be found worldwide.

Total Rotary Membership
(1992 to 2002)



The Rotary Club of New Tampa in Florida plans to launch a mentoring program in a primary school.

The Rotary Club of Ferrara Est, Italy, intends to furnish a classroom in a pediatric hospital ward.

The Rotary Club of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, will help destitute villagers earn livelihoods through aquaculture and organic farming.

And the Rotary Club of Madras Fort, Tamil Nadu, India, will introduce an innovative waste recycling scheme to solve a local garbage problem and provide jobs for youth.

These are just a few of the wide-ranging Rotary Club Centennial Community Projects that some 500 clubs all over the world have registered with Rotary

International to date. Clubs have until July 1, 2003 — the extended deadline — to register their projects.

All Rotary clubs are invited to take part in this effort designed to showcase thousands of Rotary club service contributions to local communities. Projects must meet a clearly identifiable community need, provide a solution with measurable results, involve Rotarians personally, and place a permanent marker at the project site identifying the sponsoring club and the Rotary Centennial. Projects must be completed by February 2005.

Clubs embrace projects for Rotary's 100th

Sow the seeds of love in 2003